

# Q&A: Jamie Responds to Questions about his Testimony



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**Episode Description:** Jamie answers questions he received about his testimony, including his co-defendant Susan Powell, correctional officer Mary Burns, Susan's brother Tim Powell, and he also gives an update on Julie Knight.

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**Jamie Snow:** And I think about this all the time. If I have to spend the rest of my life in prison for a crime I didn't commit, I need the world to know what happened and how it happened.

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**Music Intro:** Injustice Anywhere presents Snow Files: The wrongful conviction of Jamie Snow and how they got away with it.

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**Jamie Snow:** I got something I want to share with you guys real quick before we move on. There's been some questions raised, and, you know, I've always put it out there to you guys if you got questions you need answers, ya know, just ask me and I'll

do my best to answer them. I've recently been accused, I guess of, uh, not keeping it real with you guys and you know publishing an alternative narrative that fits my comfort zone. I'm going to be honest with you right up front, you know, I damn sure will never adopt the narrative of the people who put me in here. That's the state's attorney's narrative, that's the detectives narrative, that's not mine. So I want to address as best I can, some of the issues that's been brought up.

First off, I've never hid the fact that I was arrested for an unrelated case. The case of the, you know, the freedom gas station, that was nothing more than smoke and mirrors. It had nothing to do with the murder of Bill Little, but used as nothing more than a vehicle to sling mud on me and make me look like a bad guy in the eyes of a jury. You know, and I know it had nothing to do with the murder at the Clark gas station. So I choose not to go down that rabbit hole. And it's not because I'm trying to deceive you, or I'm trying to keep anything from you. It just have nothing to do with it.

But an important fact about that case is that the guy who committed the crime, he pled guilty to it. He testified in front of a grand jury that he did the crime by himself. He didn't give me any of the money. You know, it was his idea. And nobody knew what he was, what he was doing. And which was in opposite to what the state's theory was, which, you know, they charged me with it anyways. And they dropped the charges, and they charged me again, they dropped the charges. So you know, there's a lot of legal issues going on there. And I'm just It has nothing to do with the murder of Bill Little. So I just choose not to go down that rabbit hole. It's not that I'm trying to hide anything, it just have nothing to do with it.

It's been said that I've soft shot, or that I've sugarcoated that, when it comes to my co defendant, Susan. And you know what? Maybe I have. There's two Susan's to consider. You know, the one who in 1999 was the mother of four, living her best life ever, in Tennessee with her husband and her kids. You know, they had a good thing going. Carl had him a little, a little plumbing business. And out of the blue, here comes Dan Katz and Rick Barkes, you know, the destroyer of lives, threatening her. You know, we're gonna, we're gonna charge you with murder, you know, we think Jamie committed this, we think you were driving the car, you're going to go to prison, we're going to take your kids, you know. There's that Susan, who out of, I'm sure pure fear and terror, had some pretty shitty things to say about me. She was known to kind of me. And those assholes showed up and wrecked her life. You know, I've got

her statements, I've got her recordings, you know. And that Susan, is not the Susan that I want to introduce you guys to. I don't care about that Susan.

The one that matters to me, and the one that I that I want you guys to know about, is the Susan who when it mattered, she chose the truth over her own life, you know. She she refused to lie about me, in the face of a life term in prison. And in all, all of that, that shit that was going on in her life, she was in jail as a pregnant woman, you know. Under all that extreme and total pressure, she stood in solidarity with me. She could have. She could have absolutely jumped on the bandwagon and just been another Karen Strong, or Bill Gaddis, or, you know, Ed Hammond, or Randy Howard, but she chose not to. And she she put her life on the line, and stuck to the truth. And that's the Susan, that I think matters. And that's the one I want to I want to introduce you guys to. And this is something that's really important to me, and I really want to hear from you guys. Which one do you think matters? Which one do you think you'd want to know the most?

So have I soft shoted on her by protecting her? I don't know. I think the only one that matters is is the one who refused to testify against me and put her life on the line. I think that's the only one that matters. I talked to my ex-wife yesterday about this. And she she talked to Susan after she got out of jail. And asked her, you know, what the hell, Susan, what was going on? And she said that Susan broke down and was crying and she was telling her how sorry she was and she was just so scared ,and she didn't know what to do and, and, you know. And and she did what she did, but I'll tell you what, I don't care. When it mattered, she stayed true to the truth. And that's the Susan I want you guys to know. So that's where I stand on her.

There's been some questions about whether or not me and Susan would ever be in a car together. Let me let me be completely honest about this, right. Her brother testified, Tim testified that he took us to the Freedom gas stations, then he took us to the Clark gas station, and then he took us to Brian Whitmer's house. And I'm telling you, that never happened. Tim Powell never gave me a ride that I remember, anywhere. He never took me to the Clark gas station and took me Brian Whitmer's house. That never happened. So when I say that never happened. I'm not saying that I was never in a car with Susan Powell. There were many- She was my sister in law. She was married to my wife's brother, we were family. I'm sure there are dozens of times that we were in a car together. Susan and I was never in a car together on March 31, 1991 when Bill whittle was murdered, and that's all that really matters. So if I've given the impression that me and Susan would never be in a car together, then,

you know, I was I was wrong about that. We've been in a car together probably dozens of times. And that's a fact. Tim Powell never gave us a ride to the Clark gas station. He never gave us a ride to Brian Whitmer's. That didn't happen. So you know, hopefully, I've cleared that up.

You know, me and Susan weren't friends. Some people don't believe that. Those of you that knew us, you know, it's true. If you don't believe me, then I- You know, if you want to know anything about Susan, or her relationship with me, or anything like that, hit my ex-wife up on Facebook, Tammy Snow. Her husband, Carl, Carl Claycomb, hit him up on Facebook. You probably gets some nuggets of information from him. You know, my, my sister-in-law Melissa Fowler, she's probably not gonna appreciate that, you know, I put her out there like that. But hit her up if you if you don't believe me.

I got one last thing I'd like to say about Susan, and that is, you know, that she's my hero. And I know that some people may not believe that, but I do. You know, and I think that I'm the one with the right color that, you know, she's my hero. And she always will be. And it breaks my heart to think that, you know, she's, she's no longer with us. And that's really all I really have to say about Susan.

There's been some back and forth about Mary Burns. Right? So let me let me let me clear that up. We did an episode on Mary. Mary testified that we had a conversation where I told her that me and Susan were out, you know, as we've we put all that up there. See you, you know, y'all can check that out. That conversation never happened. I testified that I never talked to Mary. And let me be crystal clear about it. I never talked to Mary about the conversation that she testified about. It never happened. Right? You know, had I ever had a conversation with Mary burns in the county jail? She was the officer who was assigned to the pod, you know, five days a week. If I needed a roll of toilet paper. Guess what? I had to get it from Mary burns. So I'm sure we had many conversations in the county jail. About what? I don't know. But did we have the conversation that she testified? Hell no. It never happened. So I hope I've cleared that up. I appreciate you guys indulging me in this. When somebody has a question. I have to answer it. You know, I hope I've done that.

There's been one development, you know, that I'd like to point out before I let you all go. We did an episode about Shane, Shane Talon and Julie Knight. And afterwards, Julie reached out to us and she wasn't very happy about the way we portrayed her. You know, I want to tell you, I want to tell you myself, Julie, I apologize if you don't like

the way we portrayed you. We tried to get you to come on on the program. We still want you to come on the program. You reached out to us and you said that you wanted to clear some stuff up and you wanted to, you know, you wanted to come on there and you want to talk to us, and the door is open. You know the doors open. You're more than welcome to come. We want to hear from you. I think the people who are listening to the podcast want to hear what you got to say. So come on there and tell us what was going on back in that timeframe and we'd love to hear from you.

So that's pretty much all I really want to say to y'all. I hope everybody's safe out there, and you're all staying COVID free. Tammy Alexander's getting over her, her bout with the COVID, she's back. So I'm hoping that you know, we can, you know, get back on track and and you know and finish the project. So I appreciate all of you, and I wish you the best. And, uh, yeah, thanks for listening.

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